

## APPLICATION INTERFACE FOR A

### DATA STORAGE SYSTEM

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           An application interface is used to  
retrieve information from a data storage system and  
in particular, for a financial/business system or  
general ledger system. Data from the data storage  
system is retrieved using a data mart that supports a  
10 generalized or system-independent format. The  
interface instantiates a detail interface identified  
in a field of the data mart to communicate with, or  
drill back to, the data storage system to retrieve  
detailed data such as detail transaction data through  
15 an interface.